

LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 are canceled.

5. (New) A fry pan having an adjustable position angle comprising:
- a) a base;
 - b) a shaft;
 - c) a body pivotally connected to the base by the shaft, the body including an upper plate and a lower plate;
 - d) a tightening member securing the upper and lower plates together for accommodating food products of different thicknesses disposed therebetween; and
 - e) a positioning device permitting the position angle of the body to be varied through pivoting of the body about the shaft and maintaining the body in a desired position angle.
6. (New) The fry pan of claim 5, wherein the position device includes:
- a) a gear secured on the shaft and rotatable therewith during pivoting of the body;
 - b) a pawl secured on a side wall of the base and positioned at a side of the gear, the pawl including a plurality of teeth for engaging the gear when the pawl is urged outwardly by a pair of springs for immobilizing the gear and the body; and
 - c) the body being permitted to vary its position angle through compression of the springs to disengage the pawl from the gear.
7. (New) The fry pan of claim 5, wherein the tightening member includes:
- a) an elongate body having a first end and a second end;
 - b) the first end of the elongate body being pivotally connected to the lower plate and including a first torque spring for urging the body in a downward direction; and
 - c) the second end of the elongate body including a pivotal head having a convex block thereon, and a second torque spring urging the convex block against the top of the upper plate.

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8. (New) The fry pan of claim 5, wherein the upper and the lower plates are each provided with a heater and a temperature controller.